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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 12, 2009, AS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAACP.**

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard, William English Walling, a multiracial group of activists, who answered "The Call," to renew the struggle for civil and political liberty; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP's purpose is to "ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination"; and

WHEREAS, as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP is 400,000 members strong and has worked successfully with allies of all races; and

WHEREAS, believing that future leaders must be developed today, the NAACP has one of the largest organized groups of young people of any secular organization in the country; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP Youth & College Division has more than 30,000 young people representing 600 Youth Councils, High School Chapters and College Chapters actively involved in the fight for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, chartered in 1951, the NAACP Anchorage Branch, one of 1,700 nationwide, has been an agent for positive, peaceful change in our community and state for 58 years; and

WHEREAS, vigilant in that their mission is carried out, the NAACP Anchorage Branch for its leadership is faithful and committed to the "Call" in Alaska, and urges all citizens to join in the celebration of this important anniversary; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, the NAACP Anchorage Branch will install their newly elected officers and will celebrate the NAACP's 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes the NAACP Anchorage Branch as a voice of reason and righteousness in pressing forward and in guiding Anchorage toward the fulfillment of its promises of liberty and justice for this community; and

1 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly joins the NAACP Anchorage
2 Branch in commemorating and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP;
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4 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:
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6 February 12, 2009, is recognized as the "100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAACP" in the
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8 Municipality of Anchorage.

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10 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 3rd day of
11 Feb., 2009.

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14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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